



Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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Prisons: Radicalism

Matthew Offord (Conservative) [184059] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make it his policy to introduce restrictions in prisons on people convicted of terrorist offences to help prevent them from exploiting a role in (a) conducting religious services and (b) speaking at communal events to build authority and ideological influence over other offenders.

Damian Hinds: We take a robust approach to managing terrorist risk in prisons and look to constantly improve our approach. We have recently tightened our rules to ensure that prisoners convicted of terrorist offences are not permitted to hold any formal or leading role in religious worship. These changes strengthen our response to terrorist offenders seeking to use prison as a place to spread their extremist ideology.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-05-09/184059>

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Israel

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

Updated Travel Advice: Israel

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/israel>

Updated Travel Advice: The Occupied Palestinian Territories

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/the-occupied-palestinian-territories>

Department for Business and Trade

Updated Trade and Investment Factsheet: Israel

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1156422/israel-trade-and-investment-factsheet-2023-05-18.pdf

Updated Trade and Investment Factsheet: Occupied Palestinian Territories

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1156482/occupied-palestinian-territories-trade-and-investment-factsheet-2023-05-18.pdf

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Relevant Legislation ** new or updated today

UK Parliament

Bill of Rights Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3227>

Education (Non-religious Philosophical Convictions) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3186>

** Holocaust Memorial Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3421>

The Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills resumed their Examination of the Bill on 18 May 2023 and found that the bill was a Hybrid Bill and that certain Standing Orders which are applicable had not been complied with.

The Bill has been referred to the House of Commons Standing Orders Committee ... and then the House of Lords Standing Orders Committee ...

The Standing Orders Committees are charged with deciding whether or not to dispense with any Standing Order which the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills consider has not been complied with.

The transcript of the findings, and of the session on 18 May, are not yet available online.

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3421/news>

Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3325>

** Online Safety Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3137>

Notice of amendments

<https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/51205/documents/3437>

Nakba Commemoration Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3461>

Palestine Statehood (Recognition) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3217>

Private Burial Grounds and Cemeteries Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3188>

Same Sex Marriage (Church of England)

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3438>

Schools Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3156>

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Draft Bill

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/terrorism-protection-of-premises-draft-bill-overarching-documents>

Universal Credit (Removal of Two Child Limit) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3163>

Universal Jurisdiction (Extension)

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3454>

Scottish Parliament

Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/charities-regulation-and-administration-scotland-bill>

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill>

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Consultations

** new or updated today

The UK's international counter-terrorism policy (closing date 12 June 2023)

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/3120/>

Supporting earlier resolution of private family law arrangements (closing date 15 June 2023)

<https://consult.justice.gov.uk/digital-communications/private-family-law-consultation/>

Review of the Race Relations (NI) Order 1997 (closing date 18 June 2023)

<https://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-review-race-relations-ni-order-1997>

Charities tax compliance (closing date 20 July 2023)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/charities-tax-compliance/consultation-charities-tax-compliance>

JPR 2023 Antisemitism in the UK Survey (closing date not stated)
<https://www.jpr.org.uk/panel/UKantisemitism2023> (UK except Scotland)
and
<https://bit.ly/3Vg7DDH> (Scotland)

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